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11. ALGERIA.

12. RELATIONS WITH THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO).

THERE HAS BEEN A PLO OFFICE IN ALGIERS SINCE THAT ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1964. THE ALGERIAN DIPLOMATIC LIST SHOWS EIGHT EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE, TWO DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVES, A MILITARY ATTACHE, AND FOUR FIRST SECRETARIES. THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS.

ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER, ALGERIA PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PLO OFFICE HERE AND PROVIDES FACILITIES FOR CONFERENCES SUCH AS THE PALESTINE NATIONAL CONGRESS (LAST HELD IN APRIL 1987) AND THE CONFERENCE OF PALESTINIAN WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS (LAST HELD IN FEB 1987). WHEN MAJOR PALESTINIAN FIGURES ARE IN ALGERIA, THEY ARE REPORTEDLY GUESTS OF THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT.

ALGERIA CONDUCTS MOST OF HER RELATIONS WITH THE PLO ON A PARTY-TO-PARTY BASIS, SPECIFICALLY THROUGH THE COMMITTEE FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY AMONG PEOPLES, OF THE RULING NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT.

13. THERE IS FURTHER REPORTING ON OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT VIA SEPARATE (CLASSIFIED) MESSAGE.

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